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POSTAL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of new post offices, speed post counters proposed to be opened at the rural level in the country during the current financial year;

(b) the funds allocated for this purpose in the current financial year;

(c) the name of States where the targets for 2002-2003 in this regard had been fixed and achieved; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the postal services in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SH THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) Post offices are opened based on need assessed through fulfillment of distance, population and income norms and subject to availability of targets approved on an annual basis. Speed post counters are also opened based on an assessment of the business potential and connectivity. Details of targets for the current year allocated to the different Circles, for Branch Post Offices and Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras (PSSKs) to be opened in rural areas, of needy districts are given in Annexure-I

(b) Details of funds allocated under annual Plan for opening branch post offices, Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras is given in the Annexure-ll . Separate funds are not allocated under Plan for opening speed post counters.

(c) The Circle-wise details of targets and achievement for opening rural post offices in 2002-03 is given in the Annexure-lll

(d) Various measures are taken by Government to improve postal services in the country. This interalia includes activities undertaken under Annual Plan for expansion of the network through opening of post offices and Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras based on prescribed norms to enhance access to postal facilities, Computerization of post and mail offices to upgrade the capability of the network to provide more efficient and value added services to the customers, provision of infrastructure to render specific premium and financial products and improve customer care. Measures are also in place for monitoring the quality of services through a system of regular inspections and visits as well as through norms laid down for assessing the efficiency of mail transmission.

ANNEXURE-I

CIRCLE WISE TARGETS FOR OPENING OF EXTRA DEPARTMENTAL BRANCH OFFICES (EDBOS) FOR THE YEAI 2004

S.No.	Circle	EDBOs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2
2.	Assam	14
3.	Bihar	15
4.	Chattisgarh	16
5.	Delhi	2
6.	Gujarat	10
7	Haryana	2

8. Himachal 2

9. J & K 5
10. Jharkhand 6
11. Karnataka 8
12. Kerala 4
13. M.P. 15
14. Maharashtra 25
15. North East 10
16. Orissa 6
17. Punjab 5
18. Rajasthan 15
19. Tamil Nadu 6
20. Uttar Pradesh 20
21. Uttaranchal 5
22. West Bengal 5
23 Sikkim 2

TOTAL 200

ANNEXURE-II

CIRCLE WISE FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR OPENING OF EXTRA DEPARTMENTAL BRANCH OFFICES AND PANCHAYAT SANCHAR SEWA KENDRAS FOR THE YEAR 2003-2004

S.No.	Circle	OPENING OF	
		Extra department Branch Officers (Rs. In thousand)	Panchaya Sanchar sewa Kendras (Rs. In lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	8.0	4.19
2	Assam	56.0	14.88
3	Bihar	60.0	30.04
4	Chattisgarh	64.0	15.81
5	Delhi	8.0	Nil
6	Gujarat	40.0	7.92
7	Haryana	8.0	8.37
8	Himachal	8.0	8.74
9	J & K	20.0	1.86
10	Jharkhand	24.0	9.02
11	Karnataka	32.0	1.02
12	Kerala	16.0	Nil
13	M.P.	60.0	22.32
14	Maharashtra	100.0	23.25
15	North East	40.0	9.86
16	Orissa	24.0	2.79
17	Punjab	20.0	6.51
18	Rajasthan	60.0	11.35
19	Tamil Nadu	24.0	10.70
20	Uttar Pradesh	80.0	29.57
21	Uttaranchal	20.0	2.79
22	West Bengal	20.0	0.38
23	Sikkim	8.0	0.19
TOTAL		800.0 $	221.53 #

$ For 200 EDBOs
# For 900 PSSKs

ANNEXURE-III

CIRCLE WISE TARGETS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF EXTRA DEPARTMENTAL BRANCH OFFICES (EDBOS) FOR THE YEAR 2002-2003

S.No.	Circle	EDBOs P	
		Target	Achievement
1	Andhra Pradesh	3	3
2	Assam	15	15
3	Bihar	15	15
4	Chattisgarh	20	20
5	Delhi	1	1
6	Gujarat	15	15
7	Haryana	Nil	nil
8	Himachal	2	2
9	J & K	5	5
10	Jharkhand	10	8
11	Karnataka	9	8
12	Kerala	2	2
13	M.P.	14	16
14	Maharashtra	30	30
15	North East	9	9
16	Orissa	10	10
17	Punjab	5	5
18	Rajasthan	18	18
19	Tamil Nadu	5	5
20	Uttar Pradesh	18	18
21	Uttaranchal	4	4
22	West Bengal	39	32
23	Sikkim	1	Nil
TOTAL		250	241